



**ST JAMES**

EPISCOPAL CHURCH, MANITOWOC

An inviting safe community for all

## **St James Weekly** for the week starting January 22, 2022

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**For pastoral needs & other church needs**  
Please contact Senior Warden Chris Dee Eggert-Rosenthal at 334-546-4282 (*please leave a voicemail if no answer*) or cnor1101@yahoo.com. She will help connect you to the right people.

### **Recurring Schedule**

#### Discover & Grow Sundays at 8:30AM (in-person/Zoom)

Sundays at 8:30 are one of our chances to discover & grow together. We are engaging in a series on the Parables of Jesus from the Gospel of Luke. Join us any weeks you are able! We'll have a rotation of facilitators.

By computer or other device: go.mysjec.com/biblestudy  
To participate from any phone, dial 1-312-626-6799  
When prompted for Meeting ID, enter 580 876 932 #  
When prompted for Participant ID, press #  
When prompted for Password, enter 0 # [number zero]

#### Worship—Sundays at 10AM (in-person/online)

Attend in-person at 10AM, or participate LIVE at 10AM or view at any time after on YouTube (*video links are also shared on Facebook*): go.mysjec.com/youtube

1/22 Epiphany 3  
1/29 Epiphany 4  
2/5 Epiphany 5

#### Fellowship—Sundays at 11:15AM (in-person)

Please join us downstairs after worship each week for refreshments, snacks, and conversation. Coffee, tea, and water will be provided. We invite anybody who is interested to bring snacks/treats to share any week.

#### Morning Prayer—Fridays at 7:00AM (Zoom)

By computer or other device: go.mysjec.com/Friday  
To participate from any phone, dial 1-312-626-6799  
When prompted for Meeting ID, enter 831 5230 0483 #  
When prompted for Participant ID, press #  
When prompted for Password, enter 0 # [number zero]

#### Amma Diane retired 12/31/2022

The Rev'd Diane Murray retired on December 31 after serving as our Rector since 2009. The Wardens and Vestrypersons are responsible for the continued functioning of St James, especially our Senior Warden, Chris Dee Eggert-Rosenthal. If you have any pastoral needs (hospitalization, visit, emergency, etc) or other questions about the church, contact Chris (*info above*).

We are working to arrange supply clergy to fill in, but we will also make use of the lay-led worship format that we have available in The Episcopal Church. We do have some supply lined up starting January 22.

For a building problem, contact Chris. If you can't reach her and it's urgent, call Dave Haefke (920-860-4127).

If you have any info for St James Weekly, please get that to Tony Karl (info@mysjec.com) by Tuesday evenings.

#### Book Group 1/25 at 7PM (in-person/Zoom)

The St James Book Group is meeting on Wednesday, 1/25 at 7PM in the Fellowship Hall and via Zoom. January's book is *Four Winds* by Kristin Hannah. It is the story of the impact the Dust Bowl has on a family in Texas. The reviews have been excellent and it received 4 1/2 stars from Amazon. An excellent read. Books may be checked out from the public library. Contact Joan Estes or Chris Eggert-Rosenthal if you need help getting a book or have other questions. You do not have to have read the book to join in our discussions, so join us when you can.

By computer or other device: go.mysjec.com/bookgroup  
To participate from any phone, dial 1-312-626-6799  
When prompted for Meeting ID, enter 873 5481 2492 #  
When prompted for Participant ID, press #  
When prompted for Password, enter 0 # [number zero]

#### Annual Meeting 2/19; nominations open

Our Annual Meeting will be held after 10AM Worship on Sunday, February 19.

At this meeting we review and celebrate our progress, discuss our clergy transition, review our budget, and hold elections for Trustees and Convention delegates and alternates. A nomination form and report has been available since December 11. The deadline for advance nominations is February 5.

#### Thanks for your support!

We appreciate your continued financial support while we are being the church in these different ways. Checks can be left in the offering plate, or mailed to/dropped off at the church. You can also set up payments through your bank or donate online at [mysjec.com/donate](http://mysjec.com/donate). Please contact Amma Diane if you need help connecting to assistance or resources. **Our special offering for the month of January goes to the Manitowoc Warming Shelter—please label accordingly.**

#### Please return 2023 Giving Estimates

Please turn in your 2023 Giving Estimates as soon as possible. Extra estimate cards are available in the back of the church. Thank you for your financial support!

#### **NEW! Save the date: 2/9 at Painting Pathways**

Our next St James/Painting Pathways event will take place from 4-6PM on Thursday 2/9. More details soon.

## Vestry Notes

- Our Wardens and Worship Coordinator have been coordinating for supply (substitute) priests during our transition. We are happy to welcome Pastor Brian Staude for the first time on Sunday, January 22.
- The Vestry met this week with Mother Meredyth Albright, the Diocesan Transition Minister, to talk about the next phase in our transition process.
- The Vestry is prayerfully discerning the formation of the Search Committee for our next Rector. Mthr Meredyth gave us a lot of helpful advice. The Vestry will be meeting with Mthr Meredyth again on January 24, after which we'll begin contacting people to ask if they'll be part of the process.
- After the Search Committee forms, there will be multiple opportunities for congregational input in both survey and chat formats. This will likely begin in late Spring.
- Thank you all for continuing to be part of this journey and for all the things you do, known and unknown.

### **NEW! Bishop Matt begins series of teachings**

At the 148th Convention of the Diocese of Fond du Lac held on October 29, 2022, a resolution passed that in part requested our bishop provide a series of teachings on the issue of abortion, including consideration of Episcopal Church General Convention resolutions addressing the issue as they recognize the theological, moral, legal, personal and societal complexity involved.

Bishop Matt Gunter writes: *"Historically, the Episcopal Church, and the Anglican Tradition more generally, have allowed for more freedom of conscience than some other Christian traditions. That is part of the beauty of our tradition. That does not mean that members of the Episcopal Church are free to believe whatever they want or to simply rely on their own wisdom or prejudices. The Book of Common Prayer and our Constitution and Canons do contain teaching on doctrine and morals. Beyond that, we are committed to testing our thinking and behavior against the teaching of scripture guided by tradition using faithfully formed and informed reason as best we can. We also seek understanding by contemplating and studying creation. Together we seek to have our imaginations and our lives shaped by those sources of our faith. We all affirm the faith as defined in the Book of Common Prayer. Beyond that, as Christians have always done, we will disagree on some things. We will seek to persuade one another in charity and encourage one another to deeper faithfulness. And we will continue to gather to worship the One who weaves us together and together weaves us into the eternal life and love and joy of the Holy Trinity."*

Here is the link to view Bishop Matt's full blog post. Several printed copies will also be available on the info center in the back of the sanctuary.

[anoddworkofgrace.blogspot.com/2023/01/the-episcopal-churchs-stated-position.html](http://anoddworkofgrace.blogspot.com/2023/01/the-episcopal-churchs-stated-position.html)

Bishop Matt invites feedback as the series progresses. His next update is expected at the end of January.



## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

We are here to pray for you!

### **UPDATED! Prayers for the Week**

**Healing/Comfort/Strength:** Steve & Marybeth, Vanessa, Debbie, Silas, Geno, Bonnie T, Bonnie & Charlie, Marcia & John, Chip & Janice, Steven G, Mary G, Vicki, Matthew C, Shelley R, Brian M, Sharon L, Karen K, Nancy J, Nancy & Clayton, Richard H, James B, Jenny M, Sean D, Connie, Janet P, Leah S, Carol & family, Blake H, Vicar Rodger Patience, Hugh F, Pat K, Mary Ann F

**Guidance & Discernment:** Tim K, Kurt H, Ronald B, Alison H, Susie M, Brian & Lisa, Frankie, Deb & Jim, Keagan

**Serving in the Military:** Jordan, Ian, Logan, Keaton, Marshall, Jacob, Jack.

**Additional Prayers we offer include:** For Peace in our world... for the people of Ukraine, Russia, Afghanistan, Haiti, Israel, Gaza, Sudan, Madagascar and missionary families. In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for St. Paul's Cathedral, Fond du Lac; Holy Trinity Mission District, Masvingo. In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for The Church of North India (United). For the Dioceses of Fond du Lac, Eau Claire, and Milwaukee and the triologue taking place among them. For people living with mental illness. For Painting Pathways Clubhouse. Hope House families. The men of The Haven. People at the Warming Shelter. We pray for those working in government in our cities, state, country, and the world. We pray for our neighborhood. For the people around the world affected by the coronavirus pandemic. Pray for an end to violence, racism and social injustice in our country and around the world. Pray for people around the world dealing with severe weather and related damage, injury, and deaths. We pray for those in the world who do not have enough to eat; may we help to keep food available to all.

**We offer thanks for:** Chris and Mary, our Wardens, our Vestry and other ministry leaders, staff, and every person in this congregation. Bishop Matt Gunter and his wife Leslie and family. Presiding Bishop Michael Curry and his wife, Sharon. Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby. For our companion Diocese of Masvingo in Zimbabwe and Bishop Osiward Mapika, 2nd Bishop of the Diocese of Masvingo

**We Pray for the Departed:** Bill F, Audrey & Clayton, Pat H, Myrna H, Cindy C, Joe L, Paul M, Deena G, Shirley O, Margaret & Leonard, Jack W, and all who have died

### **UPDATED! Milestones**

We pray for those celebrating milestones:

**Birthdays:** 1/21 Dianne Wilson, 1/23 John Cook, 1/25 Skip Cole, 1/28 Sharon Laughrin; 2/10 Rick Roubal, 2/14 Candace Groth, 2/20 Mark Hunner, 2/21 Marian Flint, 2/27 Richard Hall, 2/28 Levi Short

**Anniversaries:** 2/15 Tony Karl & Chris Couris

*If you would like your prayer requests to be included on our list, or to add a milestone, please send an email ([info@mysjec.com](mailto:info@mysjec.com)) or leave a voicemail (920.684.8256).*